

FISCAL NOTE

SB 497 - HB 1716

March 13, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that children not included in a child support order be included in calculations of the obligor's net income. Allows the court to deviate from the child support guidelines. A child support award may not be increased if children are not staying overnight with the obligor for the average visitation period. Mandates that the guidelines cannot authorize a judgment prior to the time that paternity was established.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$35,000 One-Time
Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes a need in the Department of Human Services for a one-time expenditure of \$35,000 to modify the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement Computer System. Requiring that awards be made after the establishment of paternity, rather than from the time of birth, and including other children in the calculation, will reduce revenue captured by the state to offset expenditures from Families First or TennCare. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director